



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A marking fluid comprising hydroxypyrenetrisulfonic acid or a derivative thereof and at least one sugar or sugar alcohol selected from the group consisting of palatinose, ~~trehalose~~, trehalulose, maltite, 6-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol (1,6-GPS) and 1-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol (1,1-GPM).
2. (Original) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid exhibits a pH of 8 to 14.
3. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 2, such that the marking fluid exhibits a pH of 9 to 10.
4. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid represents an aqueous fluid.
5. (Currently amended) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid exhibits a moistening agent, especially urea, glycols, or a diglycol.
6. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that at least one additional dye is contained within the marking fluid.
7. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid contains at least one preservative.

8. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 7, such that the preservative is an isothiazolinone derivative.

9. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid contains at least one buffer substance.

10. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 9, such that the buffer substance is trishydroxymethylaminomethane, sodium citrate, sodium carbonate, and/or sodium hydroxide.

11. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid exhibits at least one surface-active agent.

12. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the marking fluid exhibits at least one water-soluble binding agent.

13. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the sugar alcohol is a mixture of 1,6-GPS, and 1,1-GPM.

14. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the sugar or sugar alcohol is contained in a quantity of 5 to 50% by weight, relative to the total weight of the marking fluid.

15. (Previously presented) A marking fluid according to claim 1, such that the hydroxypyrenetrisulfonic acid or its derivative is present in a quantity of 0.5 to 8% by weight, relative to the total weight of the marking fluid.

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A marking fluid according to claim 5, in which the moistening agent comprises urea, a glycol or a diglycol.

18. (New) A marking fluid according to claim 2, in which the marking fluid is an aqueous fluid and contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of moistening agent, additional dye, preservative, buffer, a surface-active agent and water-soluble binding agent.

19. (New) A marking fluid according to claim 18, in which the sugar alcohol is at least one member of the group consisting of 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM.

20 (New) A marking fluid according to claim 18, in which the moistening agent comprises urea, glycol or diglycol, the preservative is an isothiazolinone derivative, the buffer is trishydroxymethylaminomethane, sodium citrate, sodium carbonate, and/or sodium hydroxide, and in which the hydroxypyrenetrisulfonic acid or its derivative and the sugar or sugar alcohol are present in a quantity of 0/5 to 8% by weight and 5 to 50% by weight, respectively, relative to the total weight of the marking fluid.

21 (New) A method for the manufacture of a marking fluid comprising hydroxypyrenetrisulfonic acid or a derivative thereof, comprising providing the hydroxypyrenetrisulfonic acid or its derivative in water and combining the

hydroxypyrenetrifluoronic acid or derivative with at least one sugar or sugar alcohol selected from the group consisting of palatinose, trehalulose, 1,6-GPS, and 1,1-GPM.